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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon - Hospital Association of S.D. & Imperial Counties
Marugg, Jim – Ambulance Association of S.D. County
Ochs, Ginger – San Diego County Paramedic Agency (Alt)
Workman, Debi – Palomar College Technical Representative

Attendees

Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Hudnet R.N., Carlen – Rural Metro
Johnson, Wayne – Rural Metro
Uhde, Keith - AMR

County Staff

Eldridge, Brett
Pate R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members that attended the May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012 meetings were not present to approve the minutes.

A motion was made by Ginger Ochs, seconded by Debi Workman to approve the minutes of September 13, 2012. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Keith Uhde, American Medical Response reported the following information:
“Transfer of Care” module:

- First Watch has been contacted by the hospitals to discuss the transportation module. First Watch gathers data within the systems in San Diego County and has the ability to track the time of the unit’s arrival at the emergency department (ED) until the time they are available.
- “Transfer of Care” is where the hospital nurse signs for transfer of care from the transporting agency.
- Hospital cost for the “Transfer of Care” module is approximately \$2,500 a year.

State regulations for “Transfer of Care” that are in place in Las Vegas, Nevada were discussed. The State of Nevada has a 20 minute transfer requirement. Debi Workman requested the Nevada regulations brought to the next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

Offload issues were discussed at the last Overcrowding Summit. The Subcommittee discussed safety, how other areas are dealing with ED overcrowding/offload delays, and the percentage of patients transported that could be taken to an urgent care facility instead of the emergency department.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

A. Application for Internship in San Diego County

- In addition to the “Didactic” completion date, “Clinical” completion date of training was added to the form.
- The application heading was changed to, “Application for Out-of-County Internship in San Diego County”.
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate wording was added on the bottom of the form with County Number and expiration date.
- The Application form will be Appendix A to Policy P-302.

B. P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County

- “Application for Internship Placement” form will be added as Attachment A.
- “After assignment of County Identification number the form shall be forwarded by the paramedic intern to the training agency providing the internship” was added to the policy.
- “Proof of five medically supervised intubations during clinical training” was changed to “3 live” medically supervised intubations.
- Page 2, 1-6 will be prefaced with “The following shall be made available upon request of the training agency providing the internship.”

There was further discussion regarding information on the “Application for Out-of-County Internship in San Diego”, requirements, and where copies of the information and application should be available.

Members agreed to have the corrections made and forwarded to the subcommittee via email. Policy P-302 will then be forwarded to the full EMCC.

C. P-300, Paramedic Training Program Student Eligibility

- Added “Possess and maintain a current EMT or Advanced EMT (AEMT) certificate” in the policy requirements.

A motion was made by Ginger Ochs, seconded by Debi Workman to approve the changes made to Policy P-302, Attachment A and Policy P-300. The policies with changes will be sent to the subcommittee via email and forwarded to the full EMCC for review and approval. Motion carried.

Policy A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance and S-001, Emergency Medical System Compliance with State Statutes and Regulations that was previously reviewed and approved by EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee will also move forward to EMCC.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- A. The Statewide Medical Health Exercise is on November 15, 2012. The exercise scenario is an earthquake with the focus of the exercise on a power outage to incorporate communications improvement and testing satellite phone call rolls.

Exercise time will be from 7 pm to 11 pm and include high rise rescue and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) evacuation.

EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed preparation required for a surge.

- B. The Protocol Taskforce has met and is reviewing the guidelines.

C. Monday, November 12, 2012 is a County Veterans Day Holiday, EMS will be closed.

D. EMS open staff positions:

- EMS is hiring a QA specialist.
- Brett Eldridge is performing ambulance inspection.

E. Paramedic Regulations and STEMI and Stroke regulations are being reviewed.

F. iQCS is off line due to security issues. Issues should be resolved after Thanksgiving.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING (January 10, 2013)/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

Submitted by

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